

**REMARKS**

The Official Action mailed May 21, 2006, has been received and its contents carefully noted. This response is filed within three months of the mailing date of the Official Action and therefore is believed to be timely without extension of time. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully submits that this response is being timely filed.

The Applicant notes with appreciation the consideration of the Information Disclosure Statements filed on April 20, 2004; May 3, 2004; June 30, 2004; November 11, 2004; January 25, 2005; February 22, 2005; May 25, 2005; and September 12, 2005.

Claims 1-46 are pending in the present application, of which claims 1-32 are independent. Claims 1-32 and 39-41 have been amended to better recite the features of the present invention. For the reasons set forth in detail below, all claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Paragraph 2 of the Official Action rejects claims 1-46 under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-42 of U.S. Patent No. 6,549,184 to Koyama et al. The Applicant respectfully submits that the amended independent claims of the subject application are patentably distinct from the claims of the Koyama '184 patent.

As stated in MPEP § 804, under the heading "Obviousness-Type," in order to form an obviousness-type double patenting rejection, a claim in the present application must define an invention that is merely an obvious variation of an invention claimed in the prior art patent, and the claimed subject matter must not be patentably distinct from the subject matter claimed in a commonly owned patent. Also, the patent principally underlying the double patenting rejection is not considered prior art.

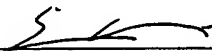
The Applicant respectfully traverses the obviousness-type double patenting rejection. Independent claims 1, 5, 9, 13, 17, 21, 25 and 29 of the present application have been amended to recite a portable telephone including a main body, an audio input portion, an audio output portion and a display device. Independent claims 2, 6,

10, 14, 18, 22, 26 and 30 have been amended to recite a camera including a main body, an image receiving portion and a display device. Independent claims 3, 7, 11, 15, 19, 23, 27 and 31 have been amended to recite a mobile computer including a main body, an operation switch and a display device. Independent claims 4, 8, 12, 16, 20, 24, 28 and 32 have been amended to recite a portable information terminal including a main body and a display device. The claims of Koyama '184 patent do not teach or suggest the above-referenced features.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims of the present application are not a timewise extension of the invention as claimed in the Koyama '184 patent. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the obviousness-type double patenting rejections are requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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